

# Toddling Through God's Word: Nehemiah

"Oh Nehemiah" to the tune of "Oh Christmas Tree"

Oh Nehemiah, Oh Nehemiah,  
You rebuilt Jerusalem.

## Activity 1: Nehemiah's Prayer (Nehemiah chapter 1)

### You Need:

- Prayer Printable at the end of this PDF
- Crayons or pencils

Say: "Nehemiah was one of God's people. He lived in Persia where he served the Persian king. One day, Nehemiah learned that far away, the Jerusalem wall, had been destroyed. This made Nehemiah very sad. The wall had protected the people who lived in Jerusalem. The people who lived in Jerusalem were God's people. Now God's people did not have a wall for protection. Nehemiah prayed."

1. Help your child finish the Prayer Printable at the end of this PDF. Then pray with your child.

## Activity 2: Nehemiah goes to Jerusalem. (Nehemiah 2:1-10)

### No Materials Needed

Say: "The King of Persia could tell that Nehemiah was sad. He asked Nehemiah why he was sad. When Nehemiah told the King of Persia why, the King of Persia gave Nehemiah permission to go to Jerusalem to rebuild the wall. Nehemiah was happy to go and help!"

1. Say, "Nehemiah was happy to go help! Do you like to help? When we are little there are many things we cannot help with, but as we get bigger, there are so many things we can help with! What do you like to help with?"

2. Listen to your child respond with what he or she likes to help with. See if you can find an opportunity throughout the day for your child to help. If your child is little, it could be matching socks, setting napkins on the table, or putting a toy away. Thank your child for his or help!

### Activity 3: Builders begin working on Jerusalem's wall. (Nehemiah 2:11-chapter 4)

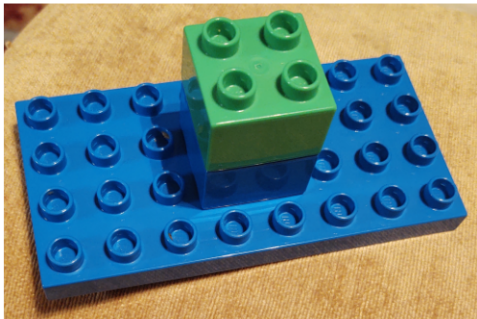
You Need:

- Blocks

Say: "Nehemiah had a long journey to Jerusalem. When he arrived he inspected the destroyed wall. Then he made plans to rebuild the wall. Nehemiah organized God's people to help with what they could.

God's people believed that God would help them rebuild the wall."

1. Assist your child in building "Jerusalem" out of blocks. You can build a wall around it if you have enough pieces.
2. If your child is able, you can put your child in charge. Have your child tell you what to build in "Jerusalem," and he or she can build another part.



This is a very simple 2 year old Jerusalem!

### Activity 4: Nehemiah helps the poor. (Nehemiah chapter 5)

You Need:

- Any snack

Say: "Nehemiah was a good leader. When he found out that some of God's people were hungry and did not have food, he helped to make sure everyone had enough to eat. Nehemiah was caring and kind."

1. Share a snack with your child. Show your child how you both have enough. Remind your child that this is how Nehemiah led. He didn't give it all to one person. He shared, so that all had enough.

Activity 5: The wall is finished!. (Nehemiah chapters 6-13)

**You Need:**

- Trust in God Printable
- Crayons or pencils

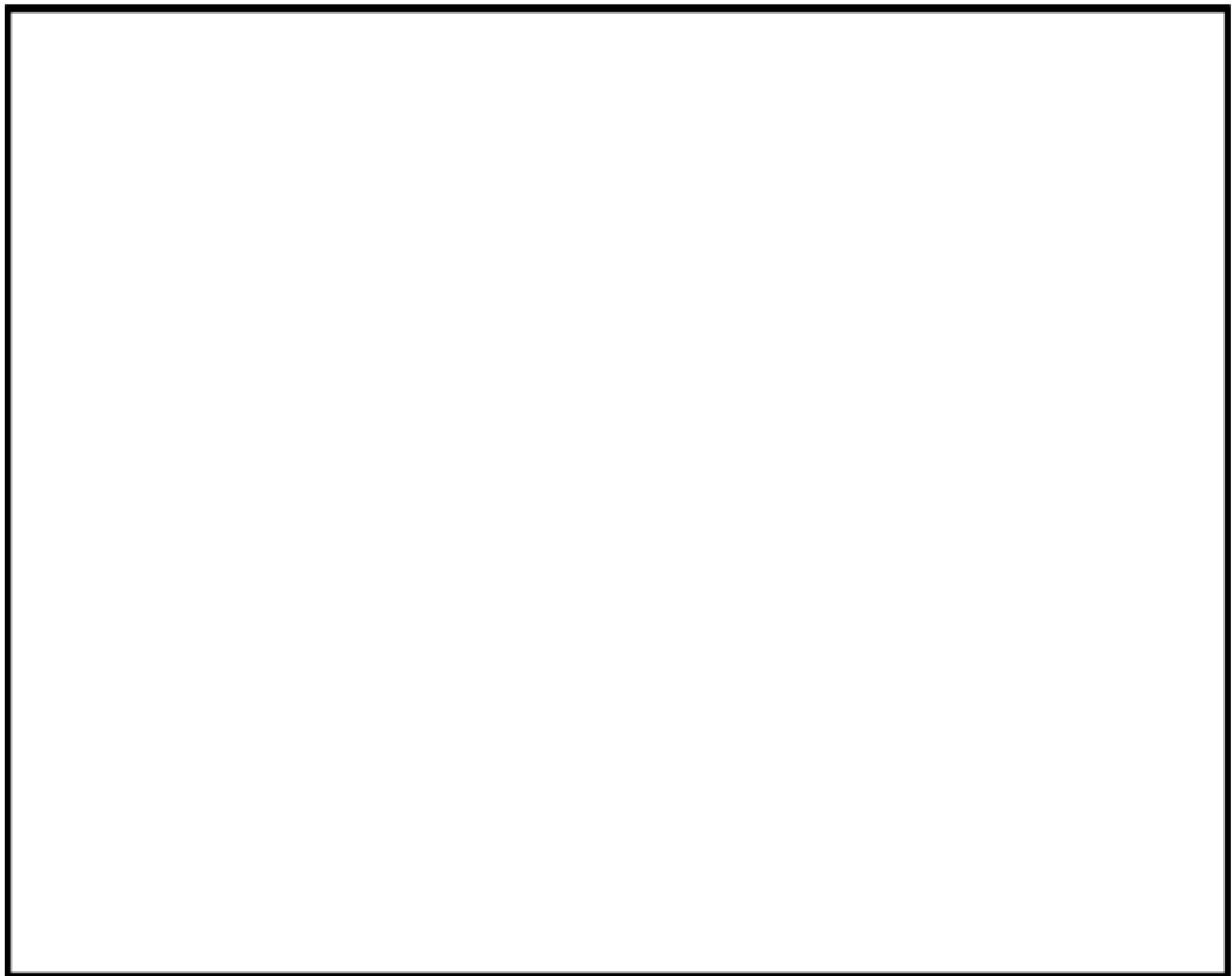
Say: "Nehemiah and God's people completed the wall! Everyone celebrated! Some people who had left Jerusalem returned. Now Jerusalem had a wall to protect from enemies, but more importantly, Jerusalem trusted in a God who could protect them better than any wall!"

1. Help your child complete the Trust in God Printable at the end of the PDF.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

## Prayer Printable

We can pray to God no matter how we feel. Nehemiah was sad when he prayed to God. He prayed that the wall could be rebuilt and God's people would be safe. Can you think of something that makes you sad? Maybe it is that there are no more cookies in the jar. Maybe it is that your Dad went on a trip. You can pray to God for that sadness to get better. Draw a picture of something that makes you sad. Then pray to God to help that sadness to get better.



Name: \_\_\_\_\_

## Trust in God

Nehemiah and God's people trusted that Jerusalem's wall would be rebuilt. We can trust that God loves us! Can you draw a picture of yourself in the heart below? God loves you!

